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1. MY JUDGMENT IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS LAST REPORTED (TRIPOLI 1337) BECAUSE SO FAR AS I KNOW THE SITUATION FOR AMCITS HERE HAS NOT CHANGED BASICALLY.

2. ISRAELI ACQUISITION OF MORE ARAB TERRITORY WILL, IF CONSOLIDATED, MAKE US PAY STEEP PRICES--BUT IT IS PERHAPS A BIT EARLY TO ESTIMATE THE BILL. OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS TO WATCH ARE ARAB REACTIONS TO STORIES OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL INVOLVEMENTS IN THE ISRAELI WAR EFFORT. EMOTIONS AROUSED HERE FOCUS PARTICULARLY AGAINST THE PERSONNEL ASPECT OF U.S. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL.

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3. I DOUBT THAT THE AMERICAN TOURISTS STRANDED IN CAIRO

FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS WOULD AGREE THAT NO SERIOUS
PROBLEMS HAVE EMERGED. ONE THIRD OF THEM OPTED OUT
BY A LONG, HARD, RISKY BUS TRIP--TO BENGHAZI. THIS
SUGGESTS AGAIN THAT MORE SPECIFIC ATTENTION BE PAID TO
INDIVIDUAL CONTINGENCY SITUATIONS. IN LIBYA, FOR
INSTANCE, IF AND WHEN AN EVACUATION BECOMES ADVISABLE
WE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RECOMMEND AGAINST TRYING TO
RUSH THE PROCESS. LARG'S FULL COOPERATION WOULD BE
REQUIRED, AND IT WOULD TAKE MANY DAYS TO ASSURE THAT
IT IS FORTHCOMING ON IMPORTANT DETAILS -- E.E.
FACILITATION OR WAIVER OF NORMAL EXIT PROCEDURES FOR
RESIDENTS.
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